



***This Is Kind of an Epic Love Story* by Kacen Callender**

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*Age Range: 14 up (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 9 up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A fresh, charming rom-com perfect for fans of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* and *Boy Meets Boy* about Nathan Bird, who has sworn off happy endings but is sorely tested when his former best friend, Ollie, moves back to town.

Nathan Bird doesn't believe in happy endings. Although he's the ultimate film buff and an aspiring screenwriter, Nate's seen the demise of too many relationships to believe that happy endings exist in real life.

Playing it safe to avoid a broken heart has been his MO ever since his father died and left his mom to unravel—but this strategy is not without fault. His best-friend-turned-girlfriend-turned-best-friend-again, Florence, is set on making sure Nate finds someone else. And in a twist that is rom-com-worthy, someone does come along: Oliver James Hernández, his childhood best friend.

After a painful mix-up when they were little, Nate finally has the chance to tell Ollie the truth about his feelings. But can Nate find the courage to pursue his own happily ever after?

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ “A delightful testimony to the enduring power of love.” —[Kirkus Reviews](#) (starred review)

“The depth and breadth of representation is welcome....It's also a quick, breezy tale that will appeal to a wide range of readers. Highly recommended for teen and adult readers of realistic romance.” —[School Library Journal](#)

“*This is Kind of an Epic Love Story* is a bighearted rom-com that belongs on the big screen. This hilarious and breathless love story of two boys on the path to their happy ending beyond lives up to its title.” —Adam Silvera, New York Times bestselling author of *They Both Die at the End*

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“A fun, quirky story that proves romance and love are possible for every single person no matter what. The book equivalent of a cup of hot cocoa and a warm hug.” —Justina Ireland, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dread Nation*

“A nuanced, heartfelt, and deeply intersectional look at all the exhilaration and messiness of first love and second chances.” —Kelly Loy Gilbert, author of *Picture Us In the Light* and *Conviction*

“As an unapologetic fan of a great rom-com, *This is Kind of an Epic Love Story* gave me all I was looing for, including the one thing that’s challenging to find—a beautiful LGBTQ love story. Kacen’s novel is hopeful, romantic, and everything my gay heart needed!” —Angelo Surmelis, author of *The Dangerous Art of Blending In*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2018 Lambda Literary Award Finalist for Best LGBT YA Novel
- 2018 Kirkus Best Books
- 2019 YALSA Quick Picks
- 2019 Rainbow Book List

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Giving Inclusive Queer Romance Its Happy Ending | YouTube Video](#)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book’s intended use.

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